

FORUM



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President's Message:

Hybrid Meetings are a GO!



We hosted our first hybrid general meeting in February, albeit with a small in-person attendance consisting of some management and hybrid technicians. Kudos to David Boss for his expertise in setting up the necessary equipment and many thanks to the members who agreed to help us with the technical setup during future meetings. I would also like to thank those members that sent several positive comments after the meeting. There were a few glitches, but overall the technology was a success. We will open the March meeting to 40 members (10 tables of 4) attending in-person so watch for the invite and select the appropriate registration type (Connect Centre Attendance or Zoom Attendance).

Please note: There will be no coffee/tea service but you are welcome to bring your own. Cookies will be offered.

As I am writing this, we are once again being blasted with wintry weather. February has been cold, warm, cold, warm, and cold again. I am certainly looking forward to Spring and warmer temperatures. Let's hope March comes in like a lion (for a few days only) and then goes out like a lamb so the activities that Ruth and her committee have planned for March and the social club gatherings are not hindered by the weather.

Let's continue to foster our friendships and stay safe!

— Diane Comstock

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Photo of the Month

This month's photo was contributed by Suzanne Herder. She says:

"My 'lady' in the backyard looks very weary of winter. I could not help but think that she is looking forward to spring and wearing a beautiful Easter bonnet."

Send your photos to peterlasota@gmail.com and I will select one for inclusion each month.



ACTIVITIES

Marching On!

by Ruth Gagnon, Activities Chair

Before I get started on Activities, Marg Jones and I would like to remind our members of the Cancellation and Refund Practice for our social clubs and activities.

When planning activities or social club events, we plan our budget to be cost neutral. In some cases we have to provide the ‘vendor’ with a deposit. As you know, some of our activities and social club events are limited to a certain number of members. From there we use a waitlist. Pre-COVID cheques were cashed at the beginning of the month of the event unless otherwise stated. We are following this same practice now in that once the registration date has expired on Wild Apricot, we will not be able to provide a refund for the activity/event. We appreciate that last minute things come up and by no means do we want you to participate in a function if you are feeling unwell. You are more than welcome to find a replacement either from a waitlist or another PROBUS member. This will ensure that we have sufficient funds received for the event and to remit payment to the vendor(s) involved. While there may be situations where we can refund you, we don’t want you to count on this. An example of this is if the vendor agrees to charge based on the number of members actually attending the function.

We sincerely appreciate your participation in our activities and social clubs events and trust you are enjoying them as well.

And now for activities! I’m pleased to be able to share activities that we have been able to reschedule as well as some new activities. For any event that now has a “new date” and you can no longer participate, please reach out to me so I can deregister you and arrange for a refund.

I also want to thank those who participated in the two Polls we did during our General Meeting. We have successfully booked the Beyond Van Gogh exhibit. While there was really good interest in Maple Town, it was a bit more complicated to organize because of the senior versus adult rate and the member fee versus non-member. So, we have let that one go.

Please remember, in order to participate you must be fully vaccinated and have signed the Waiver Form as well as checked the box in Wild Apricot.

And remember, if you sign up for an event – even a Zoom one – and can’t make it, kindly let the convenor know so that we aren’t waiting for you to join us. Much appreciated!

Check out Kelly’s article about our February 22nd Zoom Trivia!

Activities Committee
Members:
Ruth Gagnon
Anne Gibbard
Kelly Ground
Irene Hiebert
Ron Millichamp
Jenny O’Brien
Michelle Tschirhart

MARCH ACTIVITIES:

Zoom Trivia - Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00 pm

Convenors: Kelly Ground & Ruth Gagnon

Are you up for our next game of Zoom Trivia? Join us on Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00 pm. There is no cost for Zoom Trivia. Don't forget to sign up on Wild Apricot. Let's have some fun and see how we can challenge ourselves!



NEW! March Madness (a.k.a. St. Patrick's Day) – Thursday, March 17th at 2 pm

Convenors: Kelly Ground & Ruth Gagnon along with our Skip The Dishes Convenor – Lorrette Shermet

Are you ready for some action? Ready to party? We are going to start at Grace Anglican Church for a bunch of games that will test your energy level - I mean knowledge level! You will be randomly placed into a team of four players. You will be facing off with other teams to play Guess Who, Pictionary, Scattergories, Charades and Passwords!



This activity is restricted to 40 members. Cost for this event is \$5/member plus your drinks. Oh yes, and your meal! Register for the madness part and the Skip The Dish on Wild Apricot!



Of course we can't miss out on going to Turtle Jacks for St. Patrick's Day festivities. (Sorry folks, no room for us at an Irish Pub – I tried!) When it's 5 o'clock somewhere we will have a toast for good ole St. Patrick!

If you can't join for the active part of the day, please feel free to email Lorrette to join in for the St. Patrick's Day celebration!

NEW! Muse Studio workshop — Candle making session – Wednesday, March 23rd at 1 pm

Convenors: Kelly Ground

We are having lots of fun at these workshops. This one is on Thursday, February 10th at 1:30 pm. You will be given the option of making eco soy candles, or a beautiful dough bowl candle. Made with your choice of essential oils.



Make two glass jar eco soy candles for \$55 (plus tax) or one dough bowl candle for \$65 (plus tax). Feel free to repurpose your grandma's tea cups, when the candle is done your tea cup is back!

This event is limited to 9 members. Register on Wild Apricot so we know you're coming, but pay at the door based on your selection.



NEW! ClearEstate – Estate Planning & Settlement - Wednesday, March 30th at 10:30 am

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

When was the last time you looked at your Will and POA? What is Probate anyway? Has someone named you as an Executor?

Who did you name as your Executor? Does it need to be updated? Maybe your favorite, you are named an Executor!! So what is your role? Did you know it typically takes 16 - 24 months to resolve an Estate? Get some expert guidance on Estate Planning and Settlement.



Join us on Wednesday, March 30th at 10:30 am at Grace Anglican Church as ClearEstate's gives us a refresher on these topics and covers many more from foreign assets to assets / liabilities and their distribution, taxes and their clearances.

ClearEstate's is going to help us to demystify the responsibilities of an estate executor and explain the process as painlessly and efficiently as possible. Settling a loved one's estate can be emotionally draining, time-consuming, and even expensive if you're not careful.

Heavy reliance on lawyers and accountants can add up quickly and eat away at a sizeable part of a loved one's estate. We will be given some guidance to empower you to settle a loved one's estate efficiently and confidently.

This is not a sales pitch, but for our awareness, ClearEstate's will share how they can help to support grieving families by completely removing estate settlement from their concerns. ClearEstate's will empower estate executors and pre-planners and serve as a helping hand through the all estate processes.

Bring your questions and concerns...or send them to me in advance.

The cost for this event is \$5/member. Please register using Wild Apricot.

Lunch to follow at Keenan's Irish Pub. Lunch is at your own expense. Please register using Wild Apricot.

NEW! Beyond Van Gogh in Hamilton – Thursday, March 31st at 11am

Convenor: Jenny O'Brien

From the website: Beyond Van Gogh is a new truly immersive experience. While other shows use virtual reality or still images, our show breaks barriers by incorporating both still and moving art. Masterpieces, now freed from frames, come alive, appear, and disappear, flow across multi-surfaces, the minutia of details titillating our heightened senses. The show is projected on every surface around you, this makes you feel as though you have stepped directly into a Van Gogh painting. We accompany the show with a beautiful score and include many other surprises!



Join us for a walk through this amazing exhibit located at 1 Summers Lane in Hamilton. The walk takes about an hour. The cost for this event is \$33.50/member. Parking at the Convention Center, or Jackson Square Shopping Mall across the street, is \$12. If you need a lift, please let Jenny know and she will be happy to (try to) arrange.

After the exhibit we will walk 600m (to 49 King William Street) to a place called HAMBGRGR which has a cool burger and pub fare menu. [Click here to check out their menu.](#)

APRIL ACTIVITIES:

VIVA Life – Retirement Communities (Nutrition, Mental Health & Wellness) – Thursday, April 7th at 10:30 am

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

We are making our way through the Winter and Spring is around the corner! How are you feeling about your mental health and wellness? Let's get ready to put on our bathing suits with some gentle reminders on nutrition, mental health and wellness!

Join in as Amanda from the VIVA Retirement Community shares how a proper diet and your mental health and wellness go hand in hand, especially for our age group! Eating a nutrient-dense diet can prevent degenerative disease, cancers, micro-nutrient deficiencies, and most importantly support one's vitality! This is an interactive session, with our facilitator (Amanda - see bio below) walking us through 6 key nutrients to be mindful of when planning your meals. Walk away with a healthy mind and feeling equipped and energized to start prepping, cooking, and enjoying your fully satisfying meal!

Let's lose some of those pounds we have put on in the past two years! Start 2022 off in a healthy way! Challenge yourself! The cost for this event is \$5/member and is limited to 48 members. Lunch to follow at Kelsey's and will be at your own expense.

Amanda Li is a Toronto-based Registered Dietitian, owner of Wellness Simplified, Instructor at George Brown College and a foodie at heart. Upon completing a culinary arts diploma she knew she wanted to bring together her dietetic experience to create a nutrition coaching philosophy that is food-centric and grounded in teaching individuals a basic life skill - nourishing their body, mind and soul. She has helped hundreds of individuals and families by encouraging, educating, and equipping them with hands-on food skills to make healthy eating the easier choice! Amanda loves learning new skills and approaches, and strives to provide the most up-to-date, evidenced based recommendations. She is currently pursuing a Certificate in Integrative and Functional Nutrition. When she's not working with clients, students, or attending class herself she can be found in the kitchen whipping up a new recipe, or choreographing a new dance routine! Amanda looks forward to meeting you soon!

Fred Astaire Private Dancing Lesson – Tuesday, April 12th at 3 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Ladies and Gentlemen - get on your dancing shoes! Join us on Tuesday, April 12th at 3:00 pm for a private double lesson at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Oakville.

Our afternoon will be a mix of popular dances. So whether you are "single" or a "couple" come on and shake what you have!

From the Fred Astaire website....

"Your whole being will explode with confidence, fun, creativity and fitness as you experience the exciting Fred Astaire teaching method taught by the very best dance instruction in the world."

The cost for this event is \$53/member and is limited to 29 members. We will be placing a deposit to hold the studio for our private lessons so no refunds will be made after Wednesday, March 16th.

Dinner will follow at a local Milton restaurant. Details will be shared shortly.



NEW! Easter Centerpiece at Crawford's – Wednesday, April 13th at 10:30 am

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Registration will be enabled on March 16th.

Join us at Crawford's on Wednesday, April 13th at 10:30 am to make an Easter Centerpiece for your dinner table or to take over to the person who is the hostess for your Easter dinner. Please note the basket will not be as shown and there will be options to select from.

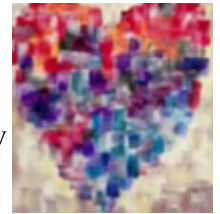
The cost for this event is \$31/member and is limited to 20 members.



Paint & Cocktails at Shoeless Joes – Tuesday, April 19th at 4 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

It was January 28, 2019 when a bunch of us headed over to Shoeless Joes to have a Paint & Cocktail session with our instructor, Gary, followed by a wonderfully fun dinner! Well, we are going back! Do you have an "Open Heart"? Yes or no, you can join us to make your very own. Grab a paintbrush, have a drink and enjoy the socializing! We will be painting from approximately 4 - 6 pm and then enjoy a dinner of your choice.



The cost for the painting portion of this activity is \$41/member and is limited to 12 members. Drinks and dinner are at your cost! Let's see how artistic you are!



Tea for Two...or actually 20! – Wednesday, April 27th at 1:30 pm

Convenor: Kelly Ground

What's better than a warm pot of tea on a cold afternoon?

Join us for Afternoon Tea at the Robinson-Bray House Tea Room in downtown Streetsville. This landmark building, built in 1885, stands on the corner of Queen Street and Mill Street as a constant and elegant reminder of yesteryear.

Your afternoon tea will include a garden salad, a platter of assorted sandwiches, a mini quiche, a scone with jam and clotted cream and a trio of desserts, and of course a pot of tea.

The cost is \$41/member, it includes, lunch all taxes and gratuities. All you have to do is sit and relax!

The Tea Room is located at 223 Queen Street South in Mississauga. Join us Wednesday, April 27th at 1:30 pm.

We are anticipating that we will be able to open this up to more members so make sure you sign up even if your name is added to the waitlist!

MAY ACTIVITIES:

Orange Snail Brewery – Beer Tasting – Thursday, May 12th at 2:00 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Calling all beer tasters, it's time to get out and have a flight of beer and some munchies! Added to this enjoy a 12 oz glass of one of Orange Snail's beers! Enjoy some social interaction with your fellow Probiants!

Join us at the Orange Snail Brewery for a tour of their facility and some beer!

Beer will also be available for purchase!

Orange Snail Brewery is located at 32 Steeles Avenue East, #1 in Milton. The cost for this event is \$25/member and is limited to 40 members. Register and pay using Wild Apricot.



NEW! Weiner Roast at Hilton Falls – Thursday, May 26th at 11 am

Convenors: Jenny O'Brien & Ruth Gagnon

Registration will be enabled on March 16th.

Join us on May 26th at 11 am for a walk at Hilton Falls and enjoy a weiner roast with chips followed by roasting marshmallows over the campfire. Dawn Ross will lead us to the fire pit and the fun will begin! The cost for this event is \$8/member. Don't forget to bring your own beverage! Telescopic "sticks" will be provided. This event is limited to 21 members.



You are responsible for your admission to the Halton Conservation Area located at 4985 Campbellville Road. Park Entrance Fee: \$7.50 + HST for seniors (\$8.47). Register using Wild Apricot!

Meet us at the entrance to the walkway trail.

Please note that you will have to book a time to enter the Hilton Falls Conservation Area as there are only so many spaces available to enter at one time. This may mean that you have to go a bit before 11 am.

If it rains we will postpone the event for another day as no rain dates are permitted with the conservation area.

JUNE ACTIVITIES:

NEW! Brueckner Rhododendron Gardens - Wednesday, June 1st at 10 am

Convenor: Irene Hiebert

Registration will be enabled on March 16th.

Enjoy this hidden gem on the banks of the Lakeshore!

On Wednesday, June 1st come visit one of Canada's largest public rhododendron gardens, along the lake in Pork Credit, Mississauga. Enjoy the azaleas and rhododendrons surrounded by white pines, perennials, and shrubs. Get your camera's ready as everywhere you turn, you will have very picturesque views!



photo by Irene Hiebert

We will meet at 10:00 am in the parking lot, located at: 666 Lakeshore Rd W, Mississauga. Garden entry and parking is free.

If heading East on Lakeshore, turn right at the lights at the intersection of Lakeshore and Shawnmarr Rd.

There is no cost to visit the gardens, but you need to register for the gardens and lunch using Wild Apricot.

After our lovely stroll through this park, we will enjoy a lovely lunch at Snug Harbour, overlooking the water a short 5 minute drive away at 14 Stavebank Rd. South, Mississauga.

Lunch is at your expense. [Click here to see their menu.](#)

We will be monitoring for rain and the blooming stage, as it may be earlier or later than normal. If required, the date for this event may be rescheduled.

NEW! Royal Botanical Gardens – Laking Garden - Tuesday, June 7th at 10 am

Convenor: Irene Hiebert

Registration will be enabled on March 16th.

You may have been to the RBG, however have you been to their smallest garden, the Laking Garden, in the spring?

The Royal Botanical Gardens Laking Garden, features lots of fabulous irises and peonies galore! There is a spectacular display of irises--one of the largest anywhere--as well as a large collection of peonies. The colours are simply dazzling!



photo by Irene Hiebert

We will meet at the ticket kiosk of the Laking Garden on Tuesday, June 7th at 10:00 am. Entry fee is payable at the Kiosk and is \$16.50 for seniors 65 and over, and \$19.50 for adults 64 and under. Parking is included in your entry fee. RBG members are free, but you are reminded to put your parking pass on your dash.

There are two parking lots available, and details will be emailed to each attendee.

We will have a short drive to Easterbrook's for lunch at your own expense. This is a great little place that's been there for generations. It's a fun experience, stepping back in time, with thousands of business cards plastered all over the place along with old photos, and pictures of celebrities who have visited. They are known for their foot long hot dogs with numerous toppings, but also serve, veggie dogs, burgers, fries, chili fries onion rings, milk shakes, floats, sundaes and ice cream. Picnic tables are in the back for nice outdoor dining in shady area with trees.

They are located at 694 Spring Garden Road, directly across from RBG's main building. >>>>> *Cont'd*

[Click here to check out their menu.](#)

Sign up for RBG and lunch using Wild Apricot.

We will be monitoring for rain and the blooming stage, as it may be earlier or later than normal. If required, the date for this event may be rescheduled.

NEW! Backed By Bees – Tuesday, June 14th at 1:30 pm

Convenor: Ruth Gagnon

Registration will be enabled on March 16th.

Join us on Tuesday, June 14th at 1:30 pm for a hive tour and tasting. We will tour the bee yards where we will see an open hive and then we will cool down afterwards with a mead and honey tasting. Find the queen bee, workers and drones and hear how things are structured in the hive. We will also get to hear about 'a day in the life of a beekeeper'.



We will then head up to the main building and do a tasting of honey as well as a variety of meads. Lots of things that can be purchased as well – Natural Craft Mead, Raw Honey, Farm Fresh Eggs, Curated local foods and goods.

The cost for this activity is \$46.50/member and is limited to 20 members.

Please note that there is a component of walking along a wood chipped pathway back to the bees that may not be easily accessible for those in wheelchairs or issues with ambulation.

There are washroom facilities on site and the main building is accessible.

Rain Date: Thursday, June 16th at 1:30 pm.

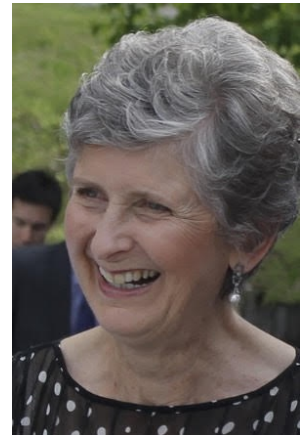
REMINDER: Please wear your PROBUS badge at events. This will let members know that you are part of our group and will make it easier for us to introduce ourselves to each other.

MEETING: MARCH

Echoes of Wild Places

Lizzie Knowles will be talking about some of the plants that she has seen during her travels to the mountains over 25 years, that she has subsequently been able to grow in her Zone 4b garden in the Hockley Valley. This will include the spring ephemerals found in our local woods as well as European, Central Asian, Himalayan and Japanese alpines and a smattering of plants from the southern hemisphere.

Lizzie and George have been gardening in the Hockley Valley for 45 years. They started by developing several extensive perennial beds and over the years have added woodland and grass gardens, two ornamental pools, an extensive rock garden, raised troughs, tufa and crevice gardens.



MARCH CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR	
Activities					
Executive Meeting	March	9	7:00 PM	Zoom	Diane Comstock
Zoom Trivia	March	15	7:00 PM	Zoom	Kelly Ground & Ruth Gagnon
Escarpment PROBUS monthly meeting	March	16	9:30 AM	Zoom	Diane Comstock
March Madness	March	17	2:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Kelly Ground & Ruth Gagnon
Muse Studio - Candle Making	March	23	1:00 PM	Muse Studio	Kelly Ground
Estate Planning	March	30	10:30 AM	Grace Anglican Church	Ruth Gagnon
Beyond Van Gogh	March	31	11:00 AM	1 Summers Ln, Hamilton	Jenny O'Brien
Clubs					
Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only				Cliff Read
Crafts - Quilting - <i>Piece Makers</i>	March	1	1:00 PM	Jones Home	Diane Comstock
Crafts - <i>Craftoholics</i>	March	2	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Dana Weatherhall
Tastings - Whisky - <i>D'Stillers</i>	March	2	7:00 PM	Willcocks Home	Chris Strachan
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	March	3	2:00 PM	Zoom	Michael Hooker
Nosh & Natter	March	4	5:30 PM	TBD	Jenny O'Brien
Saturday Night Lives	March	5	6:00 PM	Keenan's Irish Pub	Anna Strachan
Games - High Rollers (Yahtzee)	March	8	1:00 PM	Zoom	Pat Vogt
Books – Sequel	March	9	1:00 PM	Zoom	Carolyn Rumley
Games - Bee-Gees	March	9	1:00 PM	Grace Church Hall	Diane Comstock
Books – First Edition	March	14	1:00 PM	Grace Church	Paul Crawford
Cards - Cribbage - <i>Card Sharps</i>	March	14	7:00 PM	Zoom until spring	Martin Capper
Crafts - Knitting - <i>Chicks with Sticks</i>	March	17	10:30 AM	CANCELLED	Christine Willekes
Classical Music - <i>Mozart and Friends</i>	March	17	2:00 PM	Zoom	Michael Hooker
Dining - <i>Skip the Dishes</i>	March	17	5:00 PM	Turtle Jack's	Lorrette Shermet
Games - High Rollers (Farkle)	March	22	1:00 PM	Zoom	Pat Vogt
Friendship Club	March	23	10:00 AM	Zoom	Judy Krauss
Tastings - Beer - <i>Suds and Buds</i>	March	24	7:00 PM	Zoom	Pete Shermet

RECENT EVENTS

February Meeting

Our February general meeting was held Wednesday February 16th. Our guest speaker, Tanya McCready, shared stories and lessons from their adventures with their sled dogs around leadership, teamwork and overcoming challenges. [Click here for a Zoom recording of the meeting.](#)

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Probians in Pursuit of Trivia

By Kelly Ground, Convenor

Who famously said” “Creativity is contagious, pass it on”?

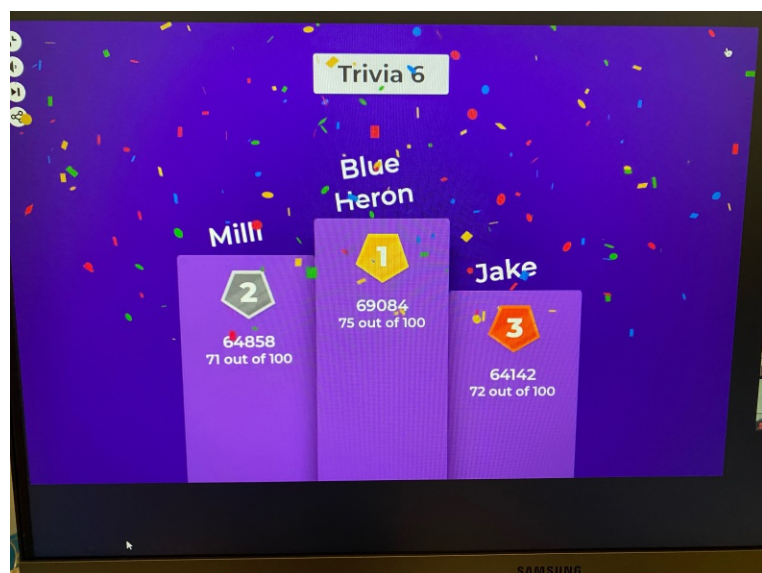
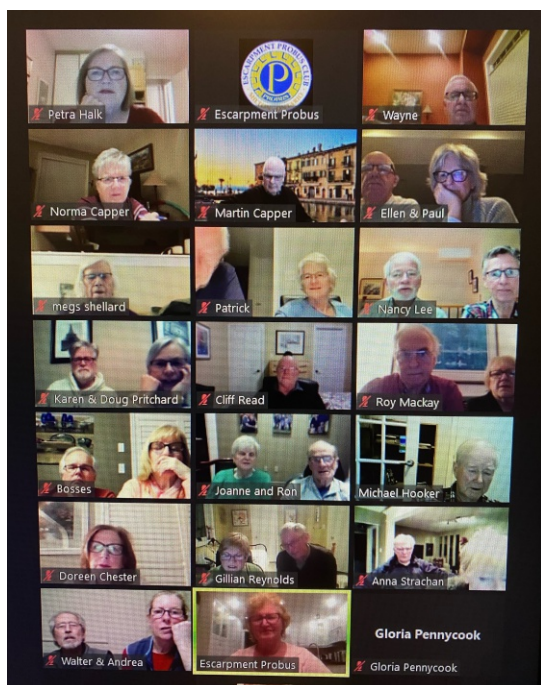
a) Albert Einstein b) Leonardo da Vinci c) Andy Warhol d) Frida Khalo

What a night! Thirty-two people playing made up 21 teams, with couples competing separately things got exciting in our sixth Zoom / Kahoot trivia game. We saw new people on the podium as the lead was switched up several times during the evening.

The team Blue Heron, Paul and Ellen Crawford, were top of the podium with 75 correct answers for a total of 69,084 points. Second was team Milli, none other than Joanne and Ron Millichamp, they had 71 questions correct and a total of 64,858 points. A close third was team Jake, new probians Roy and Anne MacKay with 72 questions answered correctly and 64,142 points. Again the difference between second and third was speed!

Special mention to the fourth and fifth placed players, Dolly and Cool Runner. These two spouses were always atop the podium, however tonight they played separately and proved that they were indeed equals. Dolly finished 4th with 63,911 points and Cool Runner was 5th with 63,905 points. A difference of only 5 points!

Join us for our next trivia evening on March 15th, perhaps more couples will test their mettle!



SOCIAL CLUBS

Club	Date/Time	Convenor	Telephone	Email
Book Club - First Edition	2nd Mon. - 1 pm	Paul Crawford	289-878-4968	pauallengcrawford@gmail.com
Book Club - Happy Bookers	4th Thurs. - 12:30 pm	Looking for new convenor		
Book Club - Ravenous Readers Recycling	3rd Wed. - Probus meeting	Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	pauallengcrawford@gmail.com
Book Club - Sequel	2nd Wed. - 10 am	Carolyn Rumley	905-302-0442	carolynrumley@sympatico.ca
Book Club - Trilogy	2nd Wed. - 10 am	Linda Green	289-851-8655	klgreen@sympatico.ca
Cards - Bid Euchre	3rd Thurs. - 1:15 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Cards - Bridge	1st Tues. - 1 pm	Looking for new convenor		
Cards - Canasta	4th Mon. - 7 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Cards - Cribbage - Card Sharps	2nd Mon. - 7 pm	Martin Capper	905-693-0354	martin@martincapper.com
Cards - Cribbage - Card Sharps	Tues. after the 2nd Mon. - 1:30 pm	Martin Capper	905-693-0354	martin@martincapper.com
Cards - Euchre	3rd Tues. - 1 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Classical Music - Mozart and Friends	4th Tues. - 1:30 pm	Michael Hooker	905-878-8953	mhooker10@bell.net
Club Français	2nd Wed. - 10 am / 11 am	Anne-Françoise Gibbard	905-854-3781	anne@gibbard.net
Crafts - Craftoholics	1st Wed - 1 pm	Dana Weatherell	905-875-9064	dweatherell@yahoo.com
Crafts - Knitting - Chicks with Sticks	3rd Thurs. - 10:30 am	Christine Willekes	905-820-0269	chriswillekes@gmail.com
Crafts - Quilting - Piece Makers	1st Tues. - 1 pm	Diane Comstock	905-876-4909	meljenscc@sympatico.ca
Dining - Appy Hour	Last Sat. - 6:30 pm	Mary Cousins	416-628-6275	mlecousins@outlook.com
Dining - Lunch Bunch	3rd Wed. - noon	Bonnie Lennox	416-899-7727	bblennox@live.ca
Dining - Nosh & Natter	1st Fri. - 5:30 pm	Jenny O'Brien	289-851-8477	jenny0103@rogers.com
Dining - Nosh@Nite	4th Fri. - 5:30 pm	Paul & Ellen Crawford	289-878-4968	pauallengcrawford@gmail.com
Dining - Saturday Night Lives	1st Sat. - 6 pm	Anna Strachan	905-878-0812	annastrachan1945@gmail.com
Dining - Skip the Dishes	3rd Thurs. - 6 pm	Lorrette Shermet	905-878-1293	lorrette@sympatico.ca
Dining - Supper/Dinner Club	Scheduled by convenor	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
Friendship Club	4th Wed. - 10 am	Judy Krauss	289-878-8194	judyckrauss@gmail.com
Games - Bee Gees	2nd Wed. - 1 pm	Diane Comstock	905-876-4909	meljenscc@sympatico.ca
Games - High Rollers (Farkle)	4th Tues. - 1 pm	Pat Vogt	905-877-2495	pvogt@cogeco.ca
Games - High Rollers (Yahtzee)	2nd Tues. - 1 pm	Pat Vogt	905-877-2495	pvogt@cogeco.ca
Games - Jokers	2nd Thurs. - 1:30 pm	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
Games - Jokers	4th Wed. - 1 pm	Auriel Halliday	905-336-2430	aurielh@gmail.com
Movie Club - Oscar Nights	2nd Tues. - 7 pm	Looking for new convenor		
Probus Info Exchange - PIE	Online only - no meetings	Cliff Read	905-864-1565	cliff.read@cogeco.ca
Sports - Bowling - 10 Pin	Shut Down	Looking for new convenor		
Sports - Golf - Pin Seekers	TBA	Roy MacKay	416-953-0633	roy@roymackay.ca
Tastings - Beer - Suds and Buds	4th Thurs. - 7 pm	Pete Shermet	905-878-1293	peteshermet@gmail.com
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Convenors and anyone else intending to use the Escarpment PROBUS Zoom account for an event: The account allows the operation of one event at a time with up to 100 participants. To avoid scheduling conflicts, please contact our Zoom coordinator Lorrette Shermet (lorrette@sympatico.ca) before planning your event.

If you need help with the Zoom program, - check out our Zoom page at <https://www.escarpmentprobus.com/zoom>. All the information you need to use Zoom is there.

Remember: Under the Escarpment Probus Bylaws Article 2 – Membership – Members must not use other member's email addresses for their own personal use such as fundraising.

Clubs: Crafts

Together Again

by Diane Comstock, Convenor

On Tuesday, Feb. 1st, the PieceMakers gathered together at Diane's condo for their monthly quilting meeting. It had been a while since we had met in-person, and so for the first 45 minutes, we chatted and got caught up with what was happening in members' lives.



We then started our show and tell: Dawn had 2 blue placemats demonstrating the flying geese pattern. She also showed us the progress made on her applique scarecrow. Louise has been working on adding to her collection of blocks using half-square triangles, some of which she had hand-pieced many years ago. It is amazing the variety of block patterns one can create with these versatile triangles. Carol Ann finished piecing her Row-by-Row panels and added sashings and a border. It is now in the hands of Jane to quilt using her long-arm machine. She brought a copy of the latest Missouri Star magazine showing an article "36 blocks in 4 different sizes". She plans to piece the flower basket blocks with pansy material and finish using the Hawaiian quilting technique.

Quilting Thoughts (taken from Missouri Star magazine):

When you make a quilt – it is filled with your “mana” or the strength of your spirit. So, in turn, you must treat what you create with great respect. Don't sit on your quilt, but be sure to sleep beneath it, once before you give it away to restore your mana so you have the energy to continue being creative. Take the time to give thanks for your creation and for the joy it has brought you to bring it into the world.

Our next meeting will be hosted by Judi Jones.

Anyone interested in quilting whether it is large bed-size quilts or small table runners, consider joining the group (email me @ meljenscc@sympatico.ca to register).



Clubs: Food and Drink

Can you pronounce 'Auchentoschen'?

By Chris Strachan, Convenor

Hello Probian's, as per our last meeting we met on Zoom. Little did we know that this time around, Martin, our host, had decided to put forth a challenge for the D'Stiller's.



We each received our five little bottles of whiskies, usually we have five different whiskies to taste, this time however Martin changed things up. He decided, unbeknownst to us, to have us taste two of the same whisky twice, he wanted to determine how good our taste buds were. As it turned out we were found wanting.

Below are the tasting result:

The winning whisky of the evening was '*Auchentoshen 12 Yr Old*' a Single Malt, This was from a newly opened bottle of whisky.

Second of the evening '*Glenlivet 15 Yr old French Oak Reserve*' a Single malt. This whisky was from the same bottle as number four but obviously we didn't score it the same.

Third of the evening was '*Auchentochen 12 yr Old*' a Single malt. This whisky was from a previously opened bottle. It must have lost some of it's taste...

Fourth was '*Glenlivet 15 yr old French Oak Reserve*' Even though this whisky was from the same bottle as number two our taste buds were a little confused as we obviously didn't score it the same.

Bringing up the rear was '*Macallan Double Cask 12 yr Old*' a Single malt. What can one say about Macallan. It usually scores quite high, it's one Ron's favourites but unfortunately this time around, it didn't seem to pass muster.

As usual the ladies had their own Zoom room and we came together after the whiskies were tasted. A nice time was had by All.

The March 2nd meeting will be hosted by Bill Willcocks as Frank Dawe will be on vacation. This will also be a Zoom meeting so we are looking forward to Bill's selection of whiskies.

The April 6th meeting of the D'Stiller's will be hosted by Ron Millichamp.

Clubs: Sports & Games

Farkle Time

by Pat Vogt, Convenor



Our February Farkle day had six players, unfortunately I was not able to play with these lovely ladies so all I can report is that Barb C. was the winner. I am Looking forward to our March game. If you are interested in playing Farkle please email me at pvogt@cogeco.ca to get your name on the email list for an afternoon of laughs and good conversation.

Probus Pin Seekers

by Roy MacKay, Convenor

The Mixed 9-Hole Golf League has received a good response with 20 Members signing up to be participants. First tee off time will be 11 am April 27 at Oakville Executive Golf. There will be an additional 9 dates on a biweekly Wednesday basis through late September.

An e-mail invitation will be sent to all participants one week before scheduled tee off time and participants are asked to express their interest by registering via the e-mail invitation or on the Wild Apricot Web Site under Social Scene – Social Clubs- Sports by 11 am on the Sunday before the Wednesday tee off time.

As a reminder, green fees are \$37.00 including tax; power carts are \$13.00 including tax ,per rider. There is also a bistro available for those interested. There is still room for additional Probus Members if you would like to join. If interested please e-mail Golf Convenor, Roy MacKay at roy@roymackay.ca **Fore!**



Yahtzee Time

by Pat Vogt, Convenor

We had five 'high rollers' for Yahtzee this month: Diane C., Beth B., Danielle B., Marg J. and Pat V. The dice didn't co-operate with us this month as all ended up with low scores. Marg got the first Yahtzee, followed by Diane, Daniella and finally Pat. We all had some zeros after a third roll hence the low scores, Pat ended up with the win. A fun afternoon with some giggles.



Wizard, Sequence & Rummicub

by Diane Comstock - Correspondent

Jenny O'Brien graciously invited the BeeGees to play games at her house on February 9th. We had two tables of 4 - one playing Rummicub and one playing Wizard. We also welcomed Lynda Johnson to our game playing club.



The Wizards were very loud and had to be shushed several times by the more serious Rummicub players. It seemed that someone was always stealing a trick out from under Jenny! Must have been Stephen as he was the winner at the end of the game. Since they still had time, they got the Sequence board out and divided into two teams: Beth & Lorraine vs Stephen & Jenny with the latter taking the win.

At the Rummicub table, Diane took the 1st two rounds securing a substantial lead. Lorrette took the 3rd and Georgette finished the 4th. Diane's initial lead held to win the game overall.

In March, we will return to Grace Church Hall and two new games will be introduced: Play Nine and Des Pirates.

Anyone interested in board games, join the club by sending me an email (meljenscc@sympatico.ca).



Clubs: Classical Music

From Ragtime to Ballet in One Easy Month!

By Michael Hooker, Convenor



To shake us up and get our toes tapping, I zoomed a program called “Ragtime, with a Side of Honky-Tonk”. And at its end we agreed this was our most exuberant program so far!

Ragtime is a musical style that enjoyed its peak popularity between 1895 and 1919. It was named because of its syncopated or "ragged" rhythm. It originated in African American music in the late 19th century in cities like St. Louis, and descended from the jigs and march music played by African American bands. By the start of the 20th century, it became widely popular throughout North America. The greatest Ragtime composer, Scott Joplin, became famous through the publication of his "Maple Leaf Rag", but he (and Ragtime) was later forgotten by all but a small, dedicated community of ragtime aficionados - until the major ragtime revival in the early 1970s, when a series of events, including the release of the motion picture *The Sting* (which had a Marvin Hamlisch soundtrack of Joplin rags), brought it back to a wide audience.

During Scott Joplin’s brief career (1868 – 1917), he wrote over 100 original ragtime pieces as well as other music, including several operas.

[Click here for a YouTube link](#) to Joplin’s Maple Leaf Rag, played by Joshua Rifkin (3 minutes):

Honky-Tonk is a style of piano playing related to ragtime, but emphasizing rhythm. The style evolved in response to an environment in which pianos were often poorly cared for, tending to be out of tune and having some non-functioning keys.

Our second February Zoomer were extracts from four different 19th and 20th ballets:

- Peter Illich Tchaikovsky’s music for “The Nutcracker”, based on E T A Hoffmann’s story “The Nutcracker and the Mouse King”. After a touchy start the ballet caught on, and is now one of the most-performed - often around Christmas.
- Maurice Ravel’s music for “Daphnis and Chloe”, which was based on the 2nd century AD story by the Greek writer Longus. It tells the story about the love between the goatherd Daphnis and the shepherdess Chloe.
- The music the Russian composer Serge Prokofiev wrote for the ballet “Romeo and Juliet”. It was first presented in the Soviet Union in January 1940, at the Kirov Theatre in Leningrad. We all know the story!
- And finally, another Tchaikovsky ballet, “Swan Lake”. The story is based on Russian and German folk tales, and tells the story of Odette, a princess turned into a swan by an evil sorcerer's curse. This also got off to a slow start; critics said about the music: “too complicated, too noisy, too symphonic”, while the tale itself was regarded as “stupid” with unpronounceable surnames for its characters”. But despite this, it soon became one of the most popular ballets of all time. So much for critics; I think somebody once said: “Those who can, do; those who can’t, criticize”.

Clubs: Travel

Travels to Barcelona and Madrid

By Gloria Pennycook, Convenor, & Maggie and Michael Boothe, Correspondants



On our most recent “virtual” journey, Wanderlust members flew to Barcelona and Madrid. Maggie and Michael Boothe shared amazing pictures and stories of the travels there in past years. Maggie took the time to prepare excellent trip notes to accompany the pictures. As Michael worked for the police force, they take advantage of the IPA (International Police Association) organized global trips. Here is what Maggie and Michael have to say....

We are hoping that the “doors” will be opened soon to allow world travel again. While we dream of far away places, we have enjoyed our Wanderlust group presenting wonderful adventures via Zoom.

Michael and I had the pleasure of reliving the sights of Barcelona and Madrid, sharing tales and sites with our Group. Spain has more bars than any other European Country and has a custom to serve Tapas with every drink. You pay for the drinks, but tapas are free. Tapas is the plural of tapa, meaning “top” or “cover”. The original tapas were intended to cover drinks between sips so that no flies got into your drink. If you are venturing over to Barcelona, be sure to visit The Montserrat Monastery, take a ride on the Funicular that ascends 4,055 feet up the side of the mountain. Stroll through the Pablo Picasso Museum and enjoy the many works of this famous artist. In 1955 Picasso sold his most famous painting, “Women of Algiers” for a whopping \$149 million at auction in 2015.

The capital of Spain, Madrid welcomed us to a great adventure featuring many sights of interest, including the Segovia Aqueduct (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) that was constructed in the 1st Century AD. The Aqueduct was built from unmortar brick-like granite blocks and stands proud and elegant to this day. You may want to visit the Walled City and the Valley of the Fallen these sites are filled with historic tales and insights. Happy Travels everyone!

I am looking for Wanderlust members to sign up to present trips for the remaining 2022 meetings. If you are interested in joining Wanderlust, please let me know.



Clubs: Books & Dining

Fugitive Pieces by Anne Michaels

Patricia Kotack, Correspondent

Fugitive Pieces by Anne Michaels is partly a memoir by the poet Jakob Beer about his life as a Holocaust survivor and reflections on Jakob's poetry by a scholar, Ben, who is indebted to Jacob for helping him understand his Holocaust-surviving and scarred parents. It is about struggling to cope with the past.

Fugitive Pieces is divided into two parts. In Book I, sixty-year-old poet/scientist Jakob Beer looks back over his life from the time he escapes death at the hands of the Nazis until he succeeds in writing poetry, and covers his time in Toronto and his adoptive home during World War II, Greece.

Book II is told by a young scholar in Toronto, Ben, who meets Jakob at a party. After Jakob's tragic death Ben addresses how Jakob's poetry has helped him deal with his own parents experience as Holocaust survivors.

This book received varied reviews from our members - most agreed that it was masterfully written. This was Michaels' first novel – she is a well known poet and this fact was obvious from the fascinating use of poetic prose evident in this book. The main criticism was that the plot line was hard to follow as the story was often lost in the minutia of the descriptive and sometimes flowery style of Michaels writing.

Recommended with some reservations.



Circe by Madeline Miller

by Diane Armand, Correspondant

The First Edition Book Club ventured into the ancient world of mythology. This novel is storytelling at its best where gods, mortals and monsters interact as heroes and villains of the fantasy world of mythology.

Circe is the daughter of Helios, god of the sun and the mightiest of the Titans. She is not as powerful but soon discovers that she has the power to change rivals into monsters. She is sent into exile on a deserted island where she hones her occult skills. She faces danger from outsiders but also finds love. In the end, she must decide whether to live in the world of the gods or the world of mortals.

Some members found it to be a fascinating story while others found it to be challenging and unappealing. Scores varied from 5 to 9 out of 10.



Joining the Madness

by Lorrette Shermet, Convenor

We are doing *Skip The Dishes* in conjunction with *March Madness*, the activity convened by Ruth and Kelly (see page 4). Skip the Dishes will be heading to **Turtle Jacks** for St. Patrick's Day festivities on the 17th of March at 5 pm. (Sorry folks, no room for us at an Irish Pub.) When it's 5 o'clock *somewhere* we will have a toast for good ole St. Patrick!

See you at Turtle Jacks!



CLUB TRIP

Gozo Island, Malta, Italy



ISLANDS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

Many of us have been waiting for two years for this trip and I am happy to announce that we will be travelling on May 26th, 2022. Travel is opening up all over the world and our government is lifting the Level 3 advisory as of February 28th. Final payment will be due March 1st.

We will visit three islands in the Mediterranean, Sicily, Malta and Cyprus before travelling to Athens, Greece our last stop. We do have some space available on our trip. I would be happy to send you a brochure or answer any questions you may have. You must be fully vaccinated to go on the trip.

Please ensure that you have insurance for the trip. Regular travel insurance covers trip cancellation, interruption, lost baggage, etc. As Covid is now considered a known event by the insurance industry you may need to look into Covid Specific Insurance re coverage as well.

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NEWS AND VIEWS

My Journey Into Porcelain Doll Making.

by *Ev Zanatta, Correspondent*

Approximately 15 years ago, I made my first porcelain doll — a new hobby that became almost an obsession.

Porcelain doll making is time-consuming. I often work on 2 or 3 dolls at the same time. Each doll takes me two to three months to complete, starting with cleaning the greenware, which includes sanding the seams, redefining the finger & toenails, knuckles, smile, and age lines, and carving out the eyes and teeth before being fired in a kiln. After the greenware is fired, the porcelain is sanded, refined, and painted. Each face takes 5 -7 different firings. Coloured 'washes' are put on the porcelain to give the dolls different skin tones. Then eyes are inserted, wigs and eyelashes glued in place, and the dolls are dressed

which usually includes shoes, socks, underwear, and sometimes hats, or purses.

Our house is home to over 200 dolls ranging in size from approximately 5" to 24" — the majority of them made by me. They stand or are seated in buggies, or on chairs and sofa's, and one is in a doll's old-fashioned covered carriage pulled by a miniature horse. Many are housed in china cabinets. Two of my dolls proved to be really challenging because of their size (24") and the sculpting involved. They are an elderly male and female and have lots of detail (many age lines, etc.) My husband (Reg) has a favourite; I sculpted a doll in his image -- blond hair, wire glasses, and holding a baseball bat and glove. Reg insisted the doll be moved from the back to a more prominent position at the front of the china cabinet — LOL. I've also sculpted porcelain figurines and masks.

I thank you for your interest in my hobby.



How Do I Find a Member's Phone Number?

By Diane Comstock, (wearing her tech support hat)

This month, I have had several requests for a member's phone number. This information is readily available on our website. The directory shows the member names and photos (if uploaded by member), addresses, telephone numbers, and emails.

1. Log into the website (www.escarpmentprobus.com).
2. On the top menu, click DIRECTORY.
3. In the Search: field, enter the first or last name of the member.
4. A listing of members is shown.

Note: Members that have requested privacy will not have their contact information shown.

If a member's information is not shown, you can send them a message:

1. Click their name link.
2. Click the SEND MESSAGE button from the member's public profile page.
3. Enter a Subject and a message in the Body fields.
4. If needed, correct your prepopulated Reply name and Reply email.
5. Click the SEND button.

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